

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 113

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Charles Edward Laine of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Charles Edward Laine; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Laine was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Charles Laine served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-eight years as a District Manager for South Central Bell, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; after his retirement, he retained his vitality, working as a professional speaker and farmer in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, originally from Wilson County, Mr. Laine earned his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, a staunch Republican, Charles Laine was a vital member of his community, he was involved in many worthy organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Boy Scouts of America, and the National Speaker's Association; he also served as a board member for several private schools; and

WHEREAS, perhaps closest to Mr. Laine's heart was his deep commitment to the Rotary Club; he originally joined the Springfield Rotary Club in 1963; he served as President there in 1966, then started the Brentwood Rotary Club in 1973 and served as its President as well; in the 1970s, when he lived in Oak Ridge, he served as President of the Oak Ridge Rotary Club; he became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1975; he also served as District Governor of Middle Tennessee of the Nashville Rotary Club; he passed on his love for this great organization to his children, as all three of them are Paul Harris Fellows and two of them have become Rotarians; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laine was an active and devout member of the Harpeth Hills church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as an elder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laine was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Charles Laine enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Mrs. Doris Alvis Laine; he is further survived by his son, Chuck Laine; his daughters, Anne Laine Bagwell and Beth Laine Crowder; his brother, Clyde Laine, Jr.; his sisters, Billie Laine Potts and Pat Laine Mayes; his grandchildren, Leanne (Scott) Hubbard, Jonathan Charles Laine, Benjamin David Laine, Jai Crowder, Rachel Crowder, Chase Laine, and Preston Laine; and his great-grandchildren, Adam Scott Hubbard, Anna Beth Hubbard, and Andrew Laine Hubbard; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Laine leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Charles Edward Laine, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Laine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.